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FACTS AND DISTINCTIONS

BY THE NUMBERS

- Founded: 1863
- Campus size: 420 acres, 48 buildings
- Schools: Business and Economics, Education, Liberal Arts, and Science
- Degrees offered: BA, BS, MA, MBA, MFA, M. Ed, MS, Ed.D.
- Average class size: 19
- Undergraduate majors: 40
- Number of full-time faculty: 211
- Faculty with highest degree in their fields: 95 percent
- Student/faculty ratio: 13:1
- Number of undergraduates: 2,958, including 581 freshmen
- Number of adult and graduate students: 1,151
- Students of color: 55.9 percent
- International students: 3.4 percent
- Freshmen living on campus: 99 percent
- NCAA Division I teams: 17
- Club sports teams: 13
- Students who participate in organized athletics: 60 percent
- Annual cost of attendance:
 - o Tuition and fees: \$42,780
 - o Room and board: \$14,490
 - o Miscellaneous: \$3,150
 - o Books and supplies: \$1,107
- Average UG financial aid package: \$29,383
- Freshmen receiving aid: 85 percent
- Students receiving aid: 81
- Operating budget: \$120,201,000
- Endowment: \$169,300,000
- Living alumni: 46,891
- Saint Mary's is one of only 40 U.S. Institutions noted in 2013's *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges*. SMC is the only Catholic or California college ever listed in the influential book.
- 1,000 first-generation college and low-income students have graduated since Saint Mary's High Potential Program was founded 40 years ago. The average freshman-to-sophomore retention rate for HP students is 95%, while the national retention rate for first generation students is 78%.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Saint Mary's was listed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the seventh year in a row. Saint Mary's students provided almost 47,000 hours of service to communities in the U.S. and abroad. The College was also named in the top 20 for community service by *USA Today*.
- Saint Mary's students provide 40,000 hours of service each year to communities in the U.S. and abroad.

STUDENTS

- Each year at least one-third of students conduct research with a professor.
- 55 percent of SMC students attend graduate or professional school within five years of graduation.
- The Institution of International Education ranked SMC in the top ten in study abroad participation among colleges that grant master's degrees.
- SMC student-athletes graduate at the third highest success rate (93%) among all NCAA Division I institutions in California.
- 91 percent of SMC seniors report that they regularly challenge their professors' ideas in class.
- National Survey of Student Engagement showed our students scored Saint Mary's above other colleges in the poll on most measures, especially "level of academic challenge."
- 62 percent of SMC undergrads participate in a study abroad course while at the College. Saint Mary's is ranked among the top 10 in the nation among major colleges that grant master's degrees.

ATHLETICS

Consistently ranked in the top 10 in the nation, Saint Mary's men's rugby won back-to-back D 1A National Championships in 2014 and 2015.

Men's Basketball participated in the NCAA Tournament four times in six seasons, and advanced to the second round of the NIT in 2014.

In 2013–14, 130 Gaels were honored for balancing athletic success with academic excellence in the 13th annual West Coast Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Northern California's sand volleyball program was ranked #7 in the *DiG Magazine* 2015 women's collegiate preseason poll. Their coach is 1996 Olympic silver medalist Mike Dodd, member of the Volleyball Hall of Fame.